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SUBJECT: FOCUS REVIEW: SAUDI ARABIA

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1. FOLLOWING ARE TOPICS WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED AT
TOMORROW'S OPENING SESSION ON FOCUS SAUDI ARABIA. THEY ARE
INTENDED TO SERVE AS GENERAL PARAMETERS FOR THE DISCUSSION.
STATE WILL BE REPRESENTED BY MR. SOBER OR MR. DICKMAN,
MESSRS CECIL COUNTRYMAN, CHEEK, NEWTON, RAICHT AND MS. MOOR.

2. QUOTE: AGENDA: 1. EVALUATION OF THE SUBSTANCE OF
REPORTING ON THE FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

A. PENINSULAR AND PERSIAN GULF CONCERNS:

PROSPECTS FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF THE SAUDI RAPPROCHEMENT
WITH PDRY; IMPLICATIONS FOR PENINSULAR RELATIONSHIPS.

STATUS OF SAUDI RELATIONS WITH THE YAR, AND THE PROGRAM TO
UPDATE THE YAR MILITARY FORCES.

STATUS OF SAUDI RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB STATES OF THE

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PERSIAN GULF: IRAQ, KUWAIT, BAHRAIN, QATAR, UAE, AND OMAN.

STATUS OF SAUDI RELATIONS WITH IRAN.

SAUDI REACTIONS TO IRANIAN EFFORTS TO CREATE A PERSIAN GULF MUTUAL SECURITY PACT. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE SAUDIS MIGHT JOIN A SECURITY PACT WITH THE OTHER ARAB STATES OF THE GULF, WITH OR WITHOUT IRAN.

B. ARAB-ISRAELI AFFAIRS:

SAUDI INFLUENCES AND PRESSURES BEARING ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE SETTLEMENT PROCESS. SAUDI PRECONDITIONS FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS AND PREFERENCES FOR REESTABLISHING PEACE-MAKING MOMENTUM.

LINKAGE BETWEEN SAUDI COOPERATIVENESS ON ENERGY ISSUES AND PROGRESS TOWARD A PEACE SETTLEMENT.

TRENDS IN SAUDI PROPAGANDA RELATING TO ISRAEL.

SAUDI EFFORTS TO MEDIATE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EGYPT AND SYRIA.

SAUDI PARTICIPATION IN BOTH NATIONAL AND ARAB LEAGUE PEACE KEEPING EFFORTS IN LEBANON.

DEVELOPMENT OF SAUDI ATTITUDES RELATIVE TO THE FUNDING OF ARMS ACQUISITIONS FOR JORDAN. RELATIONS WITH THE HASHEMITES.

RELATIONS WITH SYRIA AND ECONOMIC MEASURES TO SUPPORT THE ASAD REGIME.

RELATIONS WITH EGYPT. EXTENT OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE BEING PROVIDED. DEVELOPMENT OF THE SO-CALLED CAIRO-JIDDA-TEHRAN AXIS.

STATUS OF THE F-5 TRAINING PROGRAM FOR EGYPTIAN PILOTS. PLANS FOR FOLLOW-ON TRAINING PROGRAMS.

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THE SAUDI ROLE AND PARTICIPATION IN AIO. DEGREE TO WHICH AIO STRENGTHENS SAUDI RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER REGIONAL ARAB STATES.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN SAUDI MILITARY CAPABILITIES AND/OR PLANS FOR PARTICIPATION IN AND SUPPORT OF FUTURE ARAB-ISRAELI WARS. STATUS OF ARMS CONTRACTS WITH AND DELIVERIES FROM THE UK AND FRANCE.

MODIFICATIONS OF ARAB BOYCOTT PLANS IN THE EVENT OF FUTURE ARAB-ISRAELI HOSTILITIES. INDICATIONS OF SAUDI INTENTIONS TO IMPLEMENT SUCH PLANS.

C. SUPERPOWER RELATIONSHIPS:

MODIFICATIONS IN SAUDI ATTITUDES AND OUTLOOKS TOWARD THE USSR. INDICATIONS OF ANY SAUDI WILLINGNESS TO ALTER ITS POLICY ON NOT ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

STATUS OF RELATION WITH THE US. INDICATIONS OF POSSIBLE STRAINS IN SAUDI RELATIONS -- EITHER COMMERCIAL OR GOVERNMENTAL -- WITH THE US.

D. DOMESTIC CONCERNS:

PERSONAL VIEWS AND ATTITUDES OF INFLUENTIAL LEADERS (E.G., KING KHALID, FAHD, AND SULTAN).

NATURE OF THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AMONG THE SAUDI ELITE. KING KHALID'S ROLE IN DECISION-MAKING AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT. IDENTIFICATION OF KEY POWER CENTERS AND INTRAFAMILIAL RELATIONSHIPS.

CHANGES IN THE SAUDI POLITICAL STRUCTURE THAT MIGHT RESULT IN A REALIGNMENT IN EITHER FOREIGN POLICIES OR INTERNAL POLITICAL STABILITY.

IMPACT OF THE INFLUX OF FOREIGNERS ON SAUDI SOCIETY. INDICATIONS OF EITHER GENERALIZED ZENOPHOBIA OR SPECIFIC ANTI-AMERICANISM. INCIDENTS INVOLVING FOREIGN WORKERS
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AND/OR SIGNS OF STRAIN CAUSED BY HEAVY IMMIGRATION OF IMPORTED FOREIGN LABORERS.

EXISTENCE OF DISSIDENT GROUPS AND DEGREE OF SUCCESS OF FOREIGN-SPONSORED SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS. EFFECTIVENESS OF SAUDI POLICE AND COUNTERINTELLIGENCE FORCES.

E. ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS:

STATUS OF LONG-RANGE SAUDI DEVELOPMENT PLANS. IDENTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT DELAYS, BOTTLENECKS, COST OVERRUNS AND PROBLEMS.

IMPACT OF SAUDI OIL REVENUES AND DEVELOPMENTAL SPENDING ON THE SOCIO-POLITICAL CHARACTER OF THE KINGDOM.

COMPOSITION OF THE RESIDENT FOREIGN POPULATION AND WORK
FORCE BY NATIONAL ORIGIN.

EFFECTIVENESS OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO THE SAUDIS.
IDENTIFICATION OF TRENDS DEPICTING CHANGES TO THE NATIONS
BASIC TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES.

CAUSES OF SAUDI ARABIA'S HEAVY INFLATIONARY PRESSURES.
IMPACT OF DEFENSE SPENDING. STATUS OF GOVERNMENTAL EFFORT
TO HALT INFLATIONARY TRENDS. SAUDI PROJECTIONS OF ITS
FUTURE IMPORT REQUIREMENTS.

SAUDI SUCCESS IN OVERCOMING TRADITIONAL ARAB ENMITIES AND
MAINTAINING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND COHESIVENESS OF OPEC.

STATUS OF SAUDI PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MAJOR
PIPELINES.

2. IDENTIFICATION OF CURRENT REPORTING STRENGTHS AND
DEFICIENCIES:

A. WITHIN THE MISSION. B. EXTERNAL TO THE MISSION.

3. MISSION ASSESSMENT OF THE SUPPORT PROVIDED IT BY THE
INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

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4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE REPORTING.
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